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MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY POLICY

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nesbitt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, Jacobsen, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Lane, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, Garrett, D. Miller, Plawecki.

Representative Glenn made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 2015. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HR 21 before the Committee.

Representative Glenn made a motion to report HR 21 with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nesbitt, Glenn, LaFontaine, McBroom, Outman, Pettalia, Hughes, Barrett, Cole, Lucido, Maturen, B. Roberts, Sheppard, Webber, LaVoy, Brunner, Dianda, Kivela, Kosowski, Byrd, D. Miller, Plawecki. (22/25)

Nays: None. (0/25)

Pass: None. (0/25) (22/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid the following bills before the Committee.

HB 4297	(Nesbitt)	Energy; alternative sources; energy generated from waste; allow to qualify as renewable or advanced cleaner energy, modify renewable energy location requirements, and eliminate energy optimization program.
HB 4298	(Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; electric choice; eliminate, prohibit self-implementation of rate increases, and require utilities to utilize a competitive bid process.
HB 4299	(Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; 1951 PA 35; update references.
HB 4300	(Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; home rule city act; update references.

HB 4301	(Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; electric cooperative member-regulation act; update references.
HB 4302	(Nesbitt)	Public utilities; electric utilities; clean, renewable, and efficient energy act; update references.
HB 4303	(Brett Roberts)	Public utilities; natural gas utilities; infrastructure expansion investment costs for certain underserved or unserved areas; allow natural gas utilities to recover.
HB 4304	(Sheppard)	Public utilities; public service commission; assessment of certain fines or penalties; prohibit.

Representative Glenn assumed the Chair, the time being 9:04 a.m.

Chair Nesbitt reviewed the provisions of the bills with the Committee and answered questions.

Representative Nesbitt returned to the Chair, the time being 10:15 a.m.

Mary Beth Rogers, representing Clarkston Community Schools, spoke to the Committee in opposition to HB 4298.

Thomas Ihrig, representing Executive Energy, submitted a card indicating opposition to HB 4297.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nesbitt declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:20 a.m.

Representative Aric Nesbitt, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk (517) 373-8538